

SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

Convention signed at Washington July 17, 1854, amending convention of February 8, 1853

Senate advice and consent to ratification July 21, 1854

Ratified by the President of the United States July 24, 1854

Ratified by the United Kingdom August 8, 1854

Ratifications exchanged at London August 18, 1854

Entered into force August 18, 1854

Proclaimed by the President of the United States September 11, 1854

*Terminated upon fulfillment of its terms*¹

10 Stat. 1103; Treaty Series 125¹

Whereas a Convention was concluded on the 8th day of February, 1853,² between the United States of America and Her Britannic Majesty, for the settlement of outstanding claims, by a Mixed Commission, limited to endure for twelve months from the day of the first meeting of the Commissioners: And whereas doubts have arisen as to the practicability of the business of the said Commission being concluded within the period assigned, the President of the United States and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland are desirous that the time originally fixed for the duration of the Commission should be extended, and to this end have named Plenipotentiaries to agree upon the best mode of effecting this object, that is to say: the President of the United States, the Honorable William L. Marcy, Secretary of State of the United States; and Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, John Fiennes Crampton, Esq^{re}, Her Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary at Washington, who have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

The High Contracting Parties agree that the time limited in the Convention above referred to for the termination of the Commission shall be extended for a period not exceeding four months from the 15th of September next, should such extension be deemed necessary by the Commissioners, or the Umpire, in case of their disagreement. It being agreed that nothing contained in this Article shall in anywise alter or extend the time originally fixed in the said Convention for the presentation of claims to the Commissioners.

¹ For a detailed study of this convention, see 6 Miller 787.

² TS 123, *ante*, p. 111.

ARTICLE II

The present Convention shall be ratified, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at London as soon as possible within four months from the date thereof.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the same, and have affixed thereto the seals of their arms.

Done at Washington, the seventeenth day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

W. L. MARCY [SEAL]

JOHN F. CRAMPTON [SEAL]